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W9ONY

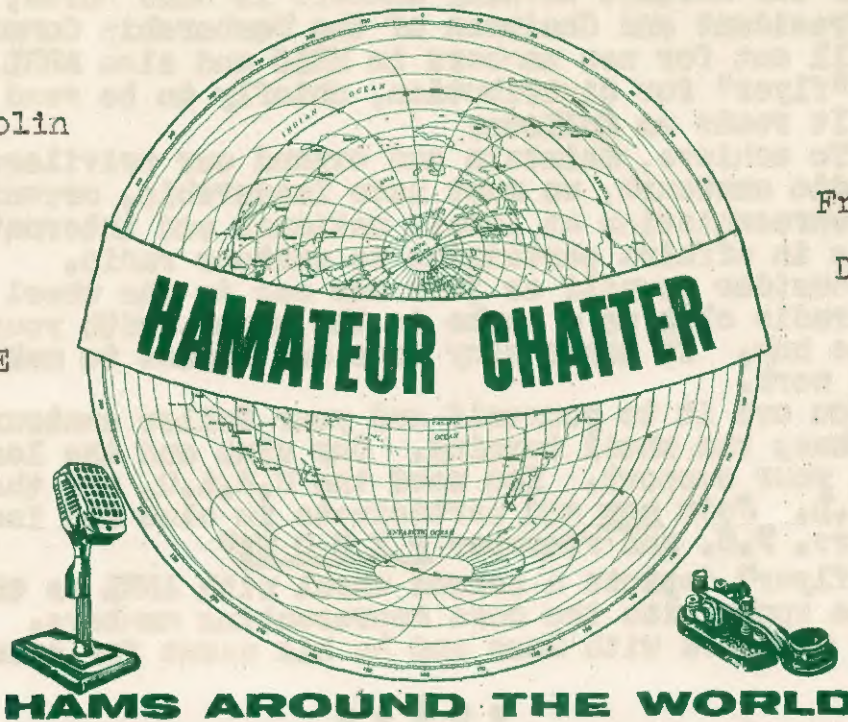
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JACK DOYLE, W9GPI, WINS POST AS DIRECTOR

A.R.R.L. CENTRAL DIVISION

M.R.A.C. extends sincerest CONGRATULATIONS for your victory in the choice for DIRECTOR of the CENTRAL DIVISION. WE ARE CERTAINLY PROUD THAT YOU CAN SERVE US AGAIN.

As a directory previously, Jack has always introduced many constructive ideas and is very forceful in his convictions. He played a big part in creating the Novice Class for those interested in getting into the hobby. Jack is very active on the air and recently received the DXCC. He has worked all the stations in the Antarctica and has made over a thousand phone patches from the men up there. Their appreciation was shown when they sent him a stuffed "Little America Penguin" which he now has. W9GPI is also very much interested in civic affairs and is active in the police department for Shorewood.

Jack received 2,388 votes and Phil Haller received 1,589 votes and was elected Vice Director.

There were more votes cast in the Central Division this year and Jack got a larger majority of them.



### NEW MEMBERS WANTED

One of our hardest working members is Russ Turss, W9RKP, 2nd Vice President and Chairman of the Membership Committee. He is going all out for new members in MRAC and also ARRL. He just got out a "flyer" for distribution, chiefly to be read by non-members. It reads as follows:

"To achieve, maintain and expand our privileges as radio amateurs, we must have leadership, organization and representation at local, national and international levels in affairs pertaining to amateur radio.

Consider yourself as just one cog in the wheel and your radio club as a spoke in the wheel, with your league as the hub. It takes many cogs and spokes to make this wheel work.

You owe it to yourself and your fellow amateurs to help keep the wheel turning. Our club and the league needs your support. You need the M.R.A.C. and the A.R.R.L. Join now and participate in club and league affairs. P.S. and remember P I C O N!"

The "flyer" depicts a cogged wheel with ARRL as the hub and MRAC as the spoke with the cogs representing members.

Let's all work with Russ and be his agent for securing new members.

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### W9RUJ, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN FOR YLRL

Mary Meyer, W9RUJ, was appointed to serve as Publicity Chairman for the second term for the YLRL. She has done a good job in compiling data in the publicity line. Mary is also EC for Waukesha County and RO for Brookfield, Wisconsin.

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### CIVIL DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

Federal civil defense buying in fiscal 1957 stressed radiation detection and communication gear amounting to \$6,700,000.

Of this amount, communication equipment purchases under the matching funds program (FCDA pays half the cost and state and local governments pay half) accounted for \$1,704,404. This was mostly mobile, base station and portable radio equipment and monitors.

About ninety percent of the radio gear is being used by local public safety departments. The remaining ten percent supplies Radio Amateur Communications Services (RACES) and other special services.

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### IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Irwin Waldman, W9RXS, a doctor for the Veterans' Administration here, died of a heart ailment November 8th at Milwaukee Sanitarium.

Irv served as director for MRAC and was active in Civil Defense until he became ill.



Attadhed is a brand new listing of all Wisconsin Radio Clubs and secretaries.

We might all preserve this list for the time that we may be in one of these towns. A call to the secretary will give you a meeting date, and take it from me---YOU'LL be welcome. Stop in and have some eye-ball contacts.

There has been a change at the Wisconsin Conservation Department. Our old friend Mr. Alexander having retired, his successor, Mr. Thoma was unfamiliar with the amateurs' "TALK WISCONSIN" plan. This has been corrected and Mr. Thoma is completely in favor of continuing the project. He writes as follows:

Dear Mr. Doyle,---Just a note to let you know that we are sending the Waukesha, Milwaukee and Superior clubs a supply of literature request cards for their use in promoting the "Talk Wisconsin" program.

I certainly thank you for calling to my attention the fine activity in which the amateur radios are taking part. I'm certain that it cannot but help benefit Wisconsin to a great degree.----

A supply of the postage free POST CARDS is now on the way to the radio clubs that have been interested in the project---MORE clubs and MORE "Hams" should be. IF you will take the time to carefully read NOVEMBER 1958 QST, on Page 9, the article, "WHAT DO I SAY", you will readily realize that we IN WISCONSIN have the made to order answer. FEW of our states CAN make this claim. AND IT DOESN'T COST THE AMATEURS ONE PENNY. Any other Wisconsin Clubs who are interested, please contact, W9GPI, W9GIL, W9IZO and W9RBT in Central Wisconsin and W9RQM in the North Central part, for full information.

Just remember---NO cards are to be sent in for mailing to OUTSIDE the Continental Limits of the U.S.

TO ALL TRAFFIC HANDLERS; QST

The FCC Amateur Section, has turned down a petition by Dick Willis, W9PCQ, requesting amendment of the amateur rules to reduce retention period for copies of record traffic handled by amateur stations, from ONE YEAR to ninety days.

In turning down this request to amend, FCC stated that storage of records, even by the busiest stations would NOT be a serious problem, and furthermore, that it has been the Commissions experience, that the period of time between a reported violation and the subsequent investigation frequently involves MORE than ninety days, thus the absence of message copies may deprive the Commission of source material necessary to the investigation.

The OVERSEAS rate for QST will be \$6.00 per year after January 1, 1959. No change in stateside ARRL membership can be made unless so authorized at an annual board meeting. I feel sure that the matter will be up for discussion in May 1959.



Bits and Pieces Cont'd

I regret that more Wisconsin and all other amateurs could not be with us at the dedication ceremony of the DuPage County C-D Building in Wheaton, Illinois, Sunday, October 19th. HERE---FOR THE FIRST and ONLY time in all my travel might you have seen what I did, a DREAM communications center, with all facilities that anyone could imagine....controlled elevation towers (like W9GIL and K9CAN), three in use and two for spares, operating positions from 2 meters to 160, truck mobile units, SIX COMPLETE to the antenna, masts, power generating units, guy ropes and message stationary.

A new building, able to withstand a multi-megaton blast, sleeping one hundred, feeding facilities for that number, COMPLETE WITH SUPPLIES of all and every nature, radiation fall-out protection as well as first aid facilities. Incidentally, it cost \$380,000, JUST the building---and AMATEURS run the ENTIRE SHOW. They are the tail that wags the dog. REALLY DIFFERENT, I thought.

A lead story for QST will follow, to be written by Harold Davendorf and Doug White, W9BVB. Dev's reaction to what we experienced will be interesting to all amateurs and there will be photographs.

Sorry that I was forced to miss the 13th Annual Ground Hog Meeting at Watertown, but from all reports the affair was the usual great old wing-ding. Funny how a real little get-together has developed into something that you look forward to---and you just hate to miss being present---I know I did.

Fond du Lac and its radio club held its little meeting Sunday, November 9th. Did I say little? Well, to be exact over 150 were present in spite of the fact that it was held on 88 Contest weekend. Too bad that date had to be chosen as it did keep some of the Milwaukee guys and gals away with that old Slave Driver, W9DYG, breathing down the backs of our necks. It was operated like the Watertown affair--NON PROFIT. Lot's of fine country food, lip smacking good it is and all that you can eat--great fellowship with little to bore you in the way of speeches, reports or projects and the cost was very moderate--\$2.50 per person. The Milwaukee gang took away about seven prizes which included a Mosley Mobile Trap Beam and who do you think won that????that mobiler W9ONY.

Any local amateur MAY, if he desires, get himself (or herself) placed on the mailing list for ALLIED HAM NEWS, a post card requesting you be added sent to Larry Blostein, W9RUD, at Allied Radio, 100 North Western Avenue, Chicago 80, Illinois, will do the trick for you. It's an informative publication, it's free of charge and the December-January issue will carry a complete story on the VERY HOT Chicago Amateur Antenna hassle. Larry, W9RUD and George, W9WOW are doing a terrific job with the Allied News---drop em a card and get on the list, your QSL is just the ticket.

The present issue carries a nice item on the Badger Net-Colfax disaster activity, as well as a non-technical article by Howard Lamann, W9RYV, of Manitowoc entitled Conservation of the Bands. Its easy reading.



Our illustrious club member, Don Merton, K2AAA, is in nearly daily contact with his daughter Donna, on 15 meters, 7 to 8 A.M. Donna is a passenger aboard the Flying Enterprise. Second Captain, Kurt Carlsen, W2ZXM, is the skipper and they are now enroute to the States via Japan after a four month "round the world" cruise--the QSL is an interesting display piece.

Let's all watch our operating procedure. It is rumored that monitoring and re-examinations are under regular classification throughout the division. Several CONDITIONALS have already been called in to take the exams before the R.I. and more will be. Citations for failure to identify, proper logging and other infractions are becoming common occurrences. WATCH IT....we would hate to lose you.

Operation Deepfreeze 3 is now being replaced with Deepfreeze 4. The men are now coming off the ice and staring home. We hope that there will be ample time to advise you when some of these fellows will be at MRAC meetings. Better NOT miss any of the November meetings, as we feel certain that we will have these visitors and hear their story first hand.

The timely quote---from the Indian BISON, Indiana's state ham news--AMATEUR RADIO EXISTS AS A HOBBY BECAUSE OF THE SERVICE IT RENDERS.

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QSLs LOOKING FOR A HOME

The following QSL cards are being held by K9CJK due to lack of address:

W9YZC, K9JSA, KN9MNZ, KN9OSK, W9YNY, KNOPGE,  
KN9OUI, KN9PIR, KN9OXY, K9IAQ and W2TPW

Contact Jim and he'll see that you get them.

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NOVICE HARMONICS CAUSE FCC TWO-THIRDS OF ALL ITS TROUBLES  
(from CQ News)

Through Irv Weston, W3BP, Monitoring Chief of FCC, comes word that of 162 recent violations of FCC regulations, 66% were identified as novice harmonics.

Lest some Old Timer suddenly feel a halo around his brow, the SECOND most frequent violation reported by the FCC is failure to identify, particularly on s.s.b. round tables; FCC further pointed out that there are many cases of mis-identification or carelessness in specifying calls. It requests more precision in signing. Matter of fact, only one out of five stations reported as "bootlegging" a call are actually doing so. The other four are cases of misidentity

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"I think my wife is tired of me."

"What makes you think so?"

"Every day this week she has wrapped my lunch in a road map."



AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS WISCONSIN SECTION OF ARRL SECRETARIES  
 BADGER AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY. K9BRJ Phyllis Follensbee. E.E. Bldg  
 U. of Wis., MADISON, Wis.  
 BAY VIEW HIGH SCHOOL RADIO CLUB. Eugene Ruehle, Advisor. 2751 S.  
 Lenox Ave., MILWAUKEE 7, Wis.  
 BLACKHAWK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. K9DBR. N.E. Lawrence. 526 Blackhawk  
 St., JANESVILLE, Wis.  
 CENTRAL WISCONSIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. W9IIB. D.W. Alverson. 330  
 Washington Ave., PORT EDWARDS, Wis.  
 DOOR COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. W9JM. George Gabert. 834 N. Third  
 Ave., STURGEON BAY, Wis.  
 DUNN COUNTY RADIO CLUB. W9YFZ. J.K. Malmin. RFD 6, MENOMONIE, Wis  
 EAU CLAIRE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. W9ASQ. Thorwald Jorgenson, RFD 19,  
 EAU CLAIRE, Wis.  
 FOND DU LAC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. K9GBK. Stephen L. Smith, 593  
 Ledgeview Blvd., FOND DU LAC, Wis.  
 FOUR LAKES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. K9ELK. Norman Gade. RFD 1,  
 MIDDLETON, Wis. (MADISON)  
 GREEN BAY MIKE & KEY CLUB. W9NOR. D.P. Smith. P.O. Box 109,  
 DE PERE, Wis.  
 JEFFERSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. W9WAQ. Allen Rothschal, 1223  
 9th St., WATERTOWN, Wis.  
 LA CROSSE RADIO AMATEUR CLUB. W9WMB. K.P. Gribi, 327 S. 9th St.,  
 LA CROSSE, Wis.  
 M & M RADIO CLUB. K8GNV. Rev. Wm. Schick, Route 1, Box 203,  
 MENOMINEE, Mich. (MARINETTE, Wis).  
 MANCORAD CLUB. W9ZKB, Paul Larson, RFD 4,  
 MANITOWOC, Wis.  
 MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB. W9QYW. Arlan L. Bowen, 1816 N. 53rd  
 St., MILWAUKEE 8, Wis.  
 NEENAH-MENASHA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. Robert F. Towns, RFD 2,  
 MENASHA, Wis.  
 NORTHEASTERN WIS. VHF CLUB. W9GFL. Paul J. Kehl, 1581 Kimball St.,  
 GREEN BAY, Wis.  
 OCONTO COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOC. Gerald J. O'Connor, Main St.,  
 GILLETT, Wis.  
 OSHKOSH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. W9DTV. P.A. Edminster, P.O. Box 345,  
 OMRO, Wis.  
 PLATTEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. Denny Dartsch, RFD 2, Box 179,  
 PLATTEVILLE, Wis.  
 POINT RADIO AMATEURS LTD. W9BCC. Frank L. Guth. 428 Ellis St.,  
 STEVENS POINT, Wis.  
 RACINE MEGACYCLE CLUB. K9KKT. Dr. Frank Adelman, 2712 Erie St.,  
 RACINE, Wis.  
 ROCK RIVER RADIO CLUB. Les Miller, Waupun, Wis.  
 WAUPUN, Wis.  
 SHEBOYGAN COUNTY NOVICE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. Armin H. Grafe, 2311  
 N. 9th St., SHEBOYGAN, Wis.  
 SUPERIOR ASSOCIATION OF RADIO AMATEURS. K9IGF. W.R. Taylor, 1009  
 Lincoln St., SUPERIOR, Wis.  
 WAUKESHA COUNTY RADIO AMATEUR CLUB. Emily Koeppell, 1525 Lone Oak  
 Rd, BROOKFIELD, Wis.  
 WISCONSIN VALLEY RADIO ASSOCIATION. K9BCA. William Barden, Box 363,  
 WAUSAU, Wis.  
 WAUPACA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. W9KKK. Paul R. Niles, 325 Center St.,  
 WAUPACA, Wis  
 NORTHWOODS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION. W9TSI. Lloyd D. Cady, Route  
 #3, RHINELANDER, Wis.

Courtesy, W9KQB



1959 IS DRAWING NEAR  
(By Jack Doyle, W9GPT, Dir. ARRL)

Many of the amateurs will recall my letter prior to the recent Directors Election in which I stated at #4 in my platform for re-election that I favored an ever expanding QST-in all coverages. This situation, I am pleased to report, will result in the LARGEST QST that the League has ever produced being published in December 1958---the issue will contain 240 pages.

Since QST is just another ARRL service to it's membership it must become significant to all amateurs that the League is keeping step with growth, not only in it's publication but also in it's service to the amateur fraternity.

Growth factors, while significant, bring increasing problems which are bound to become the concern of organized amateur radio, the poorest time to set up a defense is whenever a problem becomes our personal and individual concern.

While slightly more than HALF of us are part of ORGANIZED amateur radio--through our ARRL membership, there still remains a large segment of our amateurs who appear willing to "Let George Do It".

Since you will be reading this at year end and facing the new year of 1959 just ahead, please realize that this brand new 1959 has for all amateurs some problems that we haven't needed to face since 1947 NAMELY---A WORLD RADIO CONFERENCE.

No one is soliciting a donation to PRESERVE amateur radio, or to arrange a defense of our hobby during the conferences in Switzerland. What I would like to see happen is simple---JUST ASK YOUR BUDDY TO JOIN THE ARRL---AND---JOIN A RADIO CLUB.

Thus can we all feel good about having done our individual share to support and to keep ourselves PROPERLY informed. The ARRL and our LOCAL CLUBS, are our BEST and ONLY defense.

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THE TREASURER SEZ:

At this writing there are still more than seventy members who have not yet paid their dues. Since the roster has gone to press, those names have been left out...the same names are now also removed from the mailing list, this publication being the last correspondence they will receive. The next move will be theirs. Reinstatement is possible if they act soon (without penalty charge) and get back on the mailing list. As for the roster, don't let it happen again.

Chas. C. Dawson, W9CUW

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ARRL - OFFICIAL BULLETIN NO. 678

FCC proposes in Docket 23648 to amend the amateur rules so as to permit unlicensed persons to transmit by amateur teleprinter on the same basis presently permitted for radiotelephone. When such operation takes place a licensed operator must turn the transmitter on and off and sign the station off after communication with each station has been completed.



DX CAN BECOME VERY INTERESTING

A DX QSO, exchange of a few remarks and QSL cards, doesn't necessarily terminate the connection---a sort of friendship can be established as is evidenced by the interesting letter received from Guy, FL8AC. Your editor is taking the liberty of printing it:

Dear Fred: (W9ONY/M)

All OK, many thanks for your letter of Aug. 22 and for the bulletin of your radio club.

I was now in Holidays in France, as you know, since July 9th, and I do not return to French Somaliland. I have got other employ for another Society in British Nigeria (Zd2) in Lagos, and I "take off" to this place Oct. 15 and in this time I will look to buy a complete new station, and I was in contact with some US dealers, to buy a station as well as possible, but also less expensive as possible, because I have only \$800, and I do buy all, from key to antenna.

I have not receive the ARRL Handbook, but don't be worry, it's very long time via sea mail, and a friend of mine in Djibouti QSP all the post for me.

Well, for the QSL card, I send you another, and you will write on for our QSO PSE because my TFC book is locked in my luggage

Also enclose, one photo of my station in Djibouti with the OPR. All home made the papers on the window are to protect of the rain, because it rain when this photography will be taken.

I have conserved some post cards of Djibouti, only three, I send you, and hope you will be glad to have it for your swap.

Now I answer to your questions:

Actually no hams in French Somaliland, but before war, are three, two really active on the "R".

FL8AA Jean, about 100 QSOs, during two months, coming back in France since end of June, no return.

FL8AB Guy (French sailor) about 1800 QSOs, only CW 14 MCS, during one year and half, coming back to France since March, no return.

FL8AC Guy (myself) about 1500 QSOs in 7 months, CW Fone, many on 14 MCS some one 21 and 28. (I was the Section Manager for the REF in C.F.S.

If some ham will come in Djibouti I will tell you immediately.

As I say before, all the station is Home made. Rcr, part buy in France, cover only ham band 3.5-7-14-21-28-72. Mcs, HF converter, 1st IF 1600 Kcs, 2nd converter, two IF 80 Kcs, BFO, Smeter, VCA, and two BF, the 2nd converter is Xtal controlled, and screen of all the converter and IF are stabilized, the first oscillator for 1600 is separed by a separate triode a tube for noise limiter, three selectivity positions. Tubes of the serial EL84, ECH81, etc.

XMTR--6V6 ECO VFO - 6C5 Tritet Xtal - EL84 multiplier - 2x807, CW blocking grid of the P.A...Fone NBEM 6AU6 preampli - ECH42 reactance tube - mike xtal...all this built on an old chassis of an English receiver Marconi---all the spares recuperate in my personal stock or with some friend in the Army surplus. One chassis for HT500V, one chassis for regulate 150V and 250V for VFO, multiplier, speech ampli. One chassis for polar of the PA, and 400V neg for the CW. All this parts recuperate, the two last chassis, will be a pilot box of a BC 610, the PA HT on an old chassis of Phillips



broadcast recvr. the antenna changeover relay is an old HT relay of BC 610. The key is home built with a blade of metal saw. Antenna is one Hertz Conrad of 10, 12 meters, at 4 meters of my terrace, about 15 meters of the ground, approximately NO SE, mast are water tube.

As you see I have had many difficulties to built my station, and this is for this reason I want to buy another for my new QTH in Nigeria. This station will be stay in my France QTH, and at my next Holidays I will reconditioning this ex station of Djibouti.

I have choice for new station: RCR Hallicrafter SX100, Xmtr Globe Champ (of WRL) or Viking Valiant, with standard key and vibroplex, three band beam, with rotator. I think that it is better than my old station, HI.

I work mostly on 14 Mcs, CW and sometime fone, rarely on 21 or 28. It is very long to say all the countires I have worked, chiefly all my documents are closed in my luggage, I try to give you the principals of memory. I have worked 138 countries, but have only 94 CFM for my DXCC, I hope the QSLs will coming later. All that countries are worked on 14 Mcs. It is very difficult to work with: Canada, Alaska, North Pole, Sweden, South Pacific, but I have many times QSO with Siberian, Ukraine, Finland, North America, (USA) South American and of course ALL Africa. Little difficult with Europe, Mexiquem, Antillas.

In Djibouti the weather is very hot 48 deg and sometime 54 deg in summer, but no unhealthy tropical illness, it rain only in May and September, but at this time it is tropical thunderstorms---degrees are of course CENTIGRADE. In June we have a dry wind genre of Siroce which is name KHAMISIN (fifty in Arabia) only two seasons, April to September Hot, October to March less hot. Djibouti is a harbor in principal, about 3000 Europeans and 2000 natives. Europeans are principally in the States service and dealers for manufactured gears, natives are as "coolies" in the harbor, and fisher, inside the territory they are cattle breeder of goat and sheep, and they make caravaning with camels. No factories in Djibouti, only dealers of "Import Export", transiting coffee and some others from Ethiopia.

I explain also as better as may, if you see I have forget something, tell me and I try to give more.

Sure I will be glad to see some copies of QST, and if I was interest I will subscribe to this magazine. PSE send me this copy to my French QTH.

What are the conditions to be a member of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club? My right name is Guy, but in some DX QSOs, I give my surname Pierre to be sure that the QSL will not be sent to FL3AB which is GUY too. Pierre in French is also stone, and it's my surname when I was at school.

Well I think that I have answer to all the questions of your letter. I see that you have stay in Paris during the war, I have live in Paris during 10 years, from 1938 to 1948 and I was always in Paris during the War and the Liberation. If you remember Paris, I live Rue de Vaugirard, just around the Porte de Versailles.

Well dear Fred, I hope you will be glad with this long letter, and I will send you a letter from Lagos, to give you my call and I hope we may to be many QSOs. So long Dr Fred, my best 73 s --

"GUY"



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to announce the names of the following new members:

Richard D. Sadler, W9QFV  
4045 N. 45th Street  
Milwaukee 16, Wis.

William A. Kamp, K9LPU  
2901 Glen Cove Park  
Pewaukee, Wis.

Robert A. Gordes, K9AYM  
1826 N. 84th Street  
Wauwatosa, Wis.

Jack C. Parker  
2022A N. 37th Street  
Milwaukee 8, Wis.

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### FIVE SHRIMP BOAT CAPTAINS CONVICTED OF USING PROFANITY OVER THE AIR

The Commission's crack-down on the use of indecent and profane language over marine radio frequencies has resulted in the conviction of five Florida shrimp boat captains in the Federal Court at Tampa for so violating the United States Code.

They were fined \$500 and sentenced to 18 months imprisonment, but the jail sentences were later suspended after promising to obey the law. The FCC will also suspend the radio licenses of the offenders when justified.

MORAL: HAMS WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE, THIS COULD HAPPEN TO YOU?

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### MRAC MEMBERS ENTERTAINED BY W9EAN AND W9DIA

We certainly enjoyed the feed and beer that Steve, W9EAN and Terry, W9DIA, of AMATEUR ELECTRONICS SUPPLY, furnished during their open house after an October club meeting. Their generosity was appreciated and everyone had a real nice time.

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A guard at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City was taking a group of sightseers through its beautiful halls. He pointed to the various paintings and gave a brief history of the life of each painter. After he had concluded, he asked if there were any questions.

"Yes," wheezed one old lady, "I would like to know how you got such a high gloss on your waxed floors."

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### M.R.A.C. MOBILES MAKE GOOD PERFORMANCE

OCT. 24TH - The MRAC Mobile Unit was called into action by Chairman, Gordon Fedder, W9YFW, to serve in the Marquette University Homecoming Parade. The following mobilers participated and did a very good job:

W9YFW, W9CUW, K9GSO, W9MOT, W9FTE, W9KQD and W9OPS.

All communications were carried out on 10 meters, 29649 KC; conditions were excellent and signal reports were 5/9 plus. The service involved, requires that Mr. Fred Muth, Marquette U Parade Chairman, be notified of progress and conditions of parade at all times. Mobiles were placed along line of march and were in motion



with parade. One float caught on fire and the Milwaukee Fire Dept was notified by one of our mobile units. The parade was a complete success as was the homecoming game played the next day. Tickets for the game were presented to all mobilers and YLs and XYLs.

NOV. 7TH - To make sure all club members put their ballots in for director in the 9th area, MRAC mobilers scooted to pick up unmailed ballots after a team of club members queried members by phone. Mobilers W9TKY, W9KES, W9PST and W9KQN did the collecting. (We hope all the votes were for W9GPI).

NOV. 9TH - W9FTE and K9GSO used their mobile rigs in a sports car event, known as the King's Men Motor Club races held near Grafton, Wis. They relayed results of the races and were on hand in case of accidents.

NOV. 14TH - Clubs' Mobiles joined the Hidden Transmitter Hunt which started at 8:00 P.M. and finished at 9:00 P.M. The hidden xmt'r was W9YFW and operated on 29640 KC. Mobiles in the hunt were W9CUW, W9KQD, W9LEP, W9ZDI, K9CAN, K9JSW and KN9PSX. After the hunt was over, all units met at the Char-Mar and had a rag chew and some food. After 9:00 P.M. another Hidden Transmitter operated by W9KQD started transmitting on 29640 KC at 915p. This was for all fixed stations to try and get a FLX on mobile unit. W9KQD transmitted for a half hour and returned to meet with the rest of the folks at the Char-Mar. The Hidden Transmitters were not found by either group of contestants.

MRAC appreciates the interest of all the mobilers and their Chairman, Gordy----

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FOREIGN STAMP SERVICE

(From CQ News - Short Skip Radio Club Bulletin)

Those of you who work DX, know that working a new country is one thing; trying to get a QSL confirming the contact may prove even harder. The practice of sending IRC's may work in some cases, but in many foreign lands, the foreign HAM has had trouble redeeming them, due to the ignorance of local postal clerks.

Enclosing stamps of the proper postal rate and legal issue of that country, makes it easy for the foreign amateur to QSL, although not a guarantee that he will do so, - remember that, economically, many foreign hams just cannot afford to QSL every contact, especially the hordes of W/K requests. If you have QSO'd a new country whose QSL you badly want, send a request for a price list of foreign stamps available, to DX Stamp Service, 466 Weaver Road, Webster, N.Y. In comparison to the number of RCs needed it is truly a bargain.....

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Letter received from youngster in camp: "Dear Mother and Dad, please send me some packages of food. All we get up here is breakfast, lunch and dinner."

There is an "I" in every accident - And a "U" in every excUse



MRAC - ARRL ACTIVITIES & DX NEWS

Flash: More Congratulations are in order as Don Gross, W9KQD and Jim Ruth, K9CJK make DXCC, number 17 and 18 for MRAC and Dick Scarvaci, K9CAN makes our club's 4th WAZ.

"WATCH FOR"

C.S.T.

OK7HZ and OK7ZH on an around the world DXpedition. First stop Albania (ZA), in late December. Equipment includes two 8 cylinder trucks equipped with KVM1 transceivers. All modes and all bands will be used. Your QSLs go to Beda, OKIMB.

SM5WN/LA/P and LA4CG/P both on Spitzbergen, (Svalbard). Both VFO and quite active on 20 fone and CW from 11:00 P.M. to long after midnight. QSLs go to their home QTH's.

AC4AX - Tibet 14.100 Kcs, fone - mornings 5:00 to 8:00 A.M.

FF8AC/GN - Guinea 14.040 Kc/s. 11:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. This should be a new country, as the Guinea portion of French West Africa is now a new and independant country. QSLs to to Yvons regular QTH, but he is returning to France soon.

"ON THE AIR"

After some excellent openings and very hot conditions on all bands during September, the 10-15 and 20 meter bands were only fair and spotty during October. Watch for some long skin and good DX openings on 40 during late P.M. hours. The DX'pedition heat wave continues unabated, with Danny and Yasme II putting VP2AY-VP2MX and VP2KFA on the map, while at the same time W0LUX gave many of us our first HC8 (Galapagos Ids) QSO. A little farther south PY2CK, PY1CK and PY1HQ handed out PY0NA and NE QSOs from Trinidad Id, while the real FB jobs of operating of ZL3DX from ZL3DA (Chatham Id) and W1TYQ from HV1CN (Vatican) left little to be desired. W2CTN is now QSL Manager for 9G1BQ, XZ2TH, JZ0HA, VK2AYY, VK2FR, FK8AT, VR2DA, VR2DK and VQ3CF. UA1GR/UA0 is reported active in Tana Tuva but on 7 Mc only. KH6MG/ZK1 of Danger and Pucknuka Ids fame, is now back home in Hawaii. ON4BQ and OK operated/LUX (Luxemburg) for three days in Sept. PY7AN is going to Trinidad as PY0NC in January VK0TC and VK0KT on Macquarie Id base want your QSLs via VK2EG and heres what our own gang dug up during Sept and Oct:

W9PQA - Loren's new Mosley Jr is boring quite a hole in the DX bands as his rising score of 180/150 CW/F and 156/130 F confirms. Latest QSLs in from FF8AD MP4BCC, JT1AA and VP8CC.

K9ENB - Chuck hot on that DXCC reports his latest catches as OQ5IG (21.030), XW8AH (21.018), ZC4IP (14.040), HRLJJ (21.018), UA0CN (21.055) and UO5AA (21.030). He now stands at 87/45 CW/F.

WQZYW - Ink SSB'd with W3ZA/3W (14.310) HC8LUX (14.314) and keyed with VS9AT (21.080), XW8AH (21.017) KH6MG/ZK1 (14.035) FF8AC/GN (14.039) MP4BCK (28.092) ZS9M (14.020), KJ6BV (14.075) LA4CG/P (14.007) and LA2TD/P (14.075), the latter two, both on Spitzbergen to climb to 190/150.

K9CJK - A vPI QSL made Jim DXCC and he climbed to 138/100 by miking with VU2CQ (28.275), BV1US (14.150), VS9AO (21.220), ILAIM/MI (28.470) 9G1CI (28.480) KA0IJ (14.170), KJ6BV (14.243) and by CWing with XW8AH (21.015), KH6MG/ZK1 (14.056) and UA0CN (28.125).



W9DYG - Fred took time off from TFC to key with ZL3DA (14.308), HV1CN (21.037), FB8XX (21.081), SULIM (14.049), FU8AE (14.080), JZCHA (14.065), FF8AC/GN (14.040), HC8LUX (14.052), PYONE (21.042), and HS1C (14.022) to reach a 215/198 level.  
W9UDK and W9VOD - George and Bruce are both at U. of Wisconsin, Madison and occasionally operate W9YT, the University Club Station.

"On The Side"

The October meeting of the MRAC DX Gang was held at Fred Borchardt's (W9DYG) shack with fourteen attending. Discussions were held on the SS, DX activity and DX ethics, as well as on the ARRL Country List and on QSLs sent in for DXCC credit. Fred's XYL, Lois, served chile and the gang ate the cakes honoring W9KQD, QYW, GPI, CAS, PQA and K9CAN for DXCC and WAZ, after Doug, W9FDX, took two pictures for the club's files. The last fellows to leave helped W9KQD fix a flat tire to end the evening.

Brother Ham sez, "Never bore your visitors with talk about nothing but you and your accomplishments; be a pest at a hamfest; tell your neighbor he is a dope and should get a new TV set; or ask to be nominated to the A-1 Opr Club." He also quotes the fact that some fellers are like blisters, they never show up until the work is done! (This via W9KQB).

The seepstakes is in full swing with excellent conditions and more and better operators than ever. The local gang, as well as fellows all over the state, are knocking off some terrific scores. Full results, as well as MRHC, DXCC, WAZ and WPX standings will appear in the next issue.

73s in continued DX  
W9DYG

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TRAFFIC TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
W9SAA - 180	W9DYG - 109
W9DYG - 139	W9SAA - 102
W9UFV - 24	W9YZG - 50
K9GDF - 12	K9DTK - 21
W9VHP - 8	W9SIZ - 12
W9SIZ - 5	W9VHP - 9
K9IQO - 4	K9IQO - 6
	K9GDF - 5

PRESIDENT, W9FDX, ANNOUNCES COMMITTEES

SICK AND VISITATION COMMITTEE: Joe Dzidzan, W9SQL, Chairman. Please report all cases of illness or death to this committee. Joe will be contacting our active members to go out and visit those members who are unable to attend our meetings due to physical disability.

INTERFERENCE COMMITTEE: Ken Reger, KN9LCD, Chairman. Joe Ellenbecker W9RZD, Herb Baker, W9GSP, Don Drengenberg, W9PST.



THE TELEPHONE PATCH  
(From Telephony Magazine)

A recent issue of a national magazine had an interesting story of how Armed Forces personnel in isolated outposts could talk to the States over amateur radio and be connected by the amateur into the telephone lines and thence to the folks at home. This is accomplished by means of a gadget called the "phone patch" which is an arrangement for coupling an amateur radio transmitter and receiver into a telephone circuit. These are at present used by many amateurs who are regularly in communication with other amateurs at distant points. In some cases, these devices might bring additional revenue to telephone companies when a long distance call results by establishing radio communication to a point where no other telephone facilities exist.

However, there is no doubt that, in many cases an amateur in another city might contact an amateur and ask to be given a local call, which would, of course mean loss of revenue to telephone companies.

Most companies regard an attachment of this sort as a foreign device on their lines and are protected in their tariffs against such connections; but like the legal requirements for connecting recorders, the tariff may be easily ignored. Some difficulties can arise from the use of a "phone patch". Probably many of these are of non-standard construction and might possibly introduce trouble on the telephone line. This could result from improper transmit-receive arrangements, so that howling or feedback might occur. Also, the level from the amateurs' receiver might be so high as to cause crosstalk on the other lines. In addition, lines equipped for message registration or automatic ticketing might require a ground connection which is not provided by the "phone patch", and which would result in the wrong party being billed for a call.-----

(This article submitted by Ray Peschek, W9LJU, and offers information that we should be concerned about).